

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, illustrated in Figs. 1-9;

Species II, illustrated in Fig. 10;

Species III, illustrated in Figs. 11 and 12;

Species IV, illustrated in Figs. 13 and 14;

Species V, illustrated in Fig. 15; and

Species VI, illustrated in Fig. 16.

**For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I, illustrated in Figs. 1-9, without traverse.**

**At least claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 13 are directed to the elected species. Claim 1 is generic.**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings, Registration No. 48,917 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.


Application No.: 10/828,461

Docket No.: 2257-0247PUS1

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: July 25, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

By   
Michael R. Cammarata  
Registration No.: 39,491  
BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP  
8110 Gatehouse Rd  
Suite 100 East  
P.O. Box 747  
Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747  
(703) 205-8000  
Attorney for Applicant